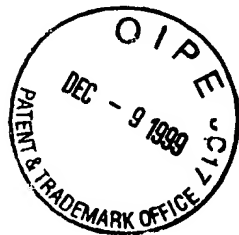


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Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the final Office Action of August 9, 1999. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account no. 06-0916.

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